on what principle ? Has it any relation to the marks which they obtained ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The chance cards were issued to those who came next in marks after the sure cards. The rest were also issued in the order of merit.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know how many chance cards were issued ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Did not the Government think that the students who have been either in the Ernakulam College or in Ernakulam should be given some preference in the matter of admission ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is too delicate. It is a question of first occupancy which we cannot allow.

Abduction of a Vala girl.

141. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have seen an article in the "Sahodaran" of 26th Mithunam 1107 drawing the attention of the Government and the Police to an alleged abduction of a Vala girl in Edacochi?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes. Action is being taken.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know what action is being taken ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The matter was enquired into by the Inspector of Police and we have since got a report that the allegations were unfounded and false.

Collection of tax from paddy lands by the Chittur Municipal Council.

142. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the amount of tax collected by the Chittur Municipality from paddy lands during the last three years;

(b) whether such tax is collected from paddy lands by other Municipalities in the State ;

(c) and if so, how much has been collected for the last three years by each of the Municipalities ;

(d) whether there was any complaint about this double taxation by the inhabitants of Chittur Municipality ;

(e) if so, what were the orders of the Government in the matter?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

			Rs.	As.	Ps.
(a)	1104	..	2,112	11	0
	1105	..	2,111	13	4
	1106	..	2,120	6	7

(b) No.

(c) The question does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) There was a complaint from the inhabitants of the Municipality against the levy of all the taxes included in section 40 of the Municipal Regulation including the land tax.

(e) The correspondence was recorded.

Improvements to the surroundings of the Girls' School, Chittur.

143. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to improve the surroundings of the newly built Girls' School at Chittur ; if so, what are they, and how much amount is to be spent for the same ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government have no information.—

Widening of Chalakkudi road in Edakkunni bazaar.

144. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have widened the Chalakkudi road in the Edakkunni bazaar by removing the encroachments;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in doing it ;

(c) when was this complaint first brought to the notice of the Government ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) The encroachments proper have been got removed. There are also certain leases to be cancelled and the sites to be taken possession of before the work is taken up. The P. W. D. is enquiring into the desirability of cancelling the leases with the least amount of inconvenience and loss to the lessees.

The question will be settled and the widening work taken up at an early date.

(c) In 1103.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does not the Government feel the necessity of widening the road in that portion ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—Yes. The Government have appreciated the necessity of widening the road at that portion. The difficulty is in the matter of eviction of leases granted.

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